

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001	03-md-1570 (GBD)(SN) ECF Case
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This Document Relates to:

Burnett, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran, et al., 15-cv-9903(GBD)(SN)

**DECLARATION OF JOHN C. DUANE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
ENTRY OF PARTIAL FINAL DEFAULT JUDGMENTS ON BEHALF
OF BURNETT/IRAN PLAINTIFFS IDENTIFIED AT EXHIBIT A
(BURNETT / IRAN XXXXI)**

JOHN C. DUANE, Esquire, hereby states under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Motley Rice LLC, attorneys for the Plaintiffs in the above-captioned matters. I submit this Declaration in support of this motion on behalf of the Plaintiffs identified in Exhibit A (attached hereto) from the action titled *Burnett, et al., v. Islamic Rep. of Iran, et al.*, 15-cv-9903 (GBD)(SN) (“*Burnett/Iran*”).

2. The form of this motion and the relief requested herein are intended to comply with the following orders of this Court:

- a. The Court’s order dated January 24, 2017 (ECF No. 3435¹), requiring that “[a]ll further motions for final judgment against any defaulting defendant shall be accompanied by a sworn declaration attesting that the attorney has (1) complied with the due diligence safeguards [referenced in Section II.D. of the January 23, 2017 letter from the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee (ECF No. 3433)] and (2) personally verified that no relief has previously been awarded to any plaintiff included in the judgment (or, if relief has been awarded, the nature of that relief).” For compliance with the required sworn declaration, please see below.
- b. The Court’s Order dated October 14, 2016 (ECF No. 3363) concerning the amounts of solatium damage awards.

¹ Unless indicated differently, citations to ECF Nos. are to the docket in *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, 03-md-1570 (GBD)(SN).

- c. The Court's Order dated October 14, 2016 (ECF No. 3362) related to the cases captioned as *Bauer v. Al Qaeda Islamic Army*, 02-CV-7236 (GBD)(SN) and *Ashton v. al Qaeda Islamic Army*, 02-CV-6977 (GBD)(SN).

3. The Plaintiffs whose claims are submitted with this motion have not previously received judgments against these defendants in the MDL, and they do not have motions currently pending against these defendants in the MDL.

4. The form of this motion and the relief requested herein are also consistent with the form and relief requested and granted as to other plaintiffs in the *Burnett/Iran* case. *See* ECF Nos. 3666, 4023, 4126, 4175, 4146, 5062, 5061, 5088, 5092, 5087, 5138, 5151, 5356, 5784, 5848, 5851, 5969, 5975, 5979, 6035, 6034, 6037, 6038, 6039, 6040, 7182, 7188, 7287, 8233, and 8310.

5. Service of process on The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps was executed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1608(a) on September 14, 2016 by service through diplomatic channels. Service on the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran was executed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1608(b) on March 18, 2016 through direct mailing via the U.S. Postal Service.

6. The sources of my information and the basis for my belief in my statements contained herein are my personal involvement in this matter, my firm's representation of the *Burnett/Iran* Plaintiffs listed in Exhibit A, in connection with the September 11th terror attacks, other court records relating to the *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001* multidistrict litigation to which these individuals are parties, my communications with other counsel for other plaintiffs in the *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001* multidistrict litigation, and conversations with these plaintiffs and other family members of these plaintiffs. Any matters about which I lack personal knowledge are asserted herein upon information and belief.

7. The *Burnett/Iran* Plaintiffs identified on Exhibit A are each family members (in this instance, spouses, parents, children, and siblings (or the estate of a spouse, parent, child, or sibling)) of decedents from the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, as indicated for each person on Exhibit A.

8. The solatium amounts set forth in Exhibit A are the figures this Court has previously determined appropriate for solatium damages based on familial relationship to the decedent. *See, e.g.*, ECF Nos. 3175 at 2; 3300 at 1; 3358 at 9; 3363 at 16; 3399, 3666, and 4023.

9. After reviewing the records available to me regarding other judgments entered by this Court against the Iranian defendants, I have not identified any relief that has previously been awarded to any particular plaintiff identified on Exhibit A.

10. Before filing this motion, I have (1) complied with the due diligence safeguards referenced in Section II.D. of the January 23, 2017 letter from the Plaintiffs' Executive Committees (ECF No. 3433) and (2) personally verified that, based on my review of the records available to me regarding other judgments entered by this Court against the Iranian defendants, no relief has previously been awarded to any plaintiff included in the judgment.

11. Accordingly, included with this motion is a proposed Order of Partial Final Judgment for the Plaintiffs Identified in Exhibit A, conforming to the Court's previous orders.

Dated: April 17, 2025

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